



GROUND BREAKER, 1915—State Senator M. B. Harris of Fresno County was a prime mover in the legislative drive to obtain money for building Fresno State College (then Fresno State Normal School). Above, on March 5, 1915, he breaks ground on the North Van Ness Avenue site donated by H. A. Barkelew.



THEN — For 25 years, speech classes were held in the ivy-covered Playhouse on Van Ness Avenue. Built as a church in 1928, the structure is still in use as the College extension center.



GROUND BREAKER, 1950—California Governor Earl Warren turns another historic shovel on October 17, 1950, as the present Shaw Avenue campus gets underway. With him are, left to right, State Senator Hugh M. Burns of Fresno; P. T. Poage, state division of architecture; Dr. Roy E. Simpson, state superintendent of public instruction; and Fresno State College President Arnold E. Joyal.



NOW — The United States and California flags fly proudly before the handsome new Speech Arts building on the Shaw Avenue campus. Construction was completed in the summer of 1960.